



STATE OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
*1102 SE Quince Street • PO Box 47990
Olympia, Washington 98504-7990*

March 25, 2004

The Honorable Gary Locke
Washington State Governor
Legislative Building
Post Office Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Dear Governor Locke:

We are pleased to submit the annual report of the Washington State Board of Health. The Board adopted the report, which is required by RCW 43.20.100, on December 10, 2003.

The Board had a productive year in 2003. Key accomplishments include:

- Preparation of the 2004 State Health Report for your consideration
- Helping lead interagency efforts to increase physical activity and improve nutrition in schools
- Affording privacy protections for genetic information on newborns
- Initiating a review of rules relating to HIV/AIDS
- Adding five disorders to the list of genetic diseases for which all newborns must be screened
- Promoting community assessment of public health issues
- Meeting with local boards of health across the state to identify local concerns

In addition, the Board has been actively engaged in rule making around a wide variety of core public health activities—immunizations, on-site sewage, food handling, water systems, immunizations, water recreation, and transient accommodations.

Thank you on behalf of the Washington State Board of Health for the opportunity to continue working with your leadership team and our public health partners to create a safer, healthier Washington.

Sincerely

Linda Lake, Chair
Washington State Board of Health

Enclosure

cc: Governor's Subcabinet on Health
Jenny Hamilton, Governor's Policy Office
Mich'l Needham, Governor's Policy Office
Ree Sailors, Governor's Policy Office
Ron Shultz, Governor's Policy Office
Elise Greef, Office of Financial Management